



## **Coral Bay Research Station Guidelines**

We hope you find your stay in the station comfortable and ask that you leave it as you find it. It is a shared facility and as we are a not-for-profit organisation the facility is self-funding. We believe that our limited funds are better directed towards improving the facilities than on cleaners and repairs!

As you will be operating within a Marine Park all research activities must be cleared and appropriate permits issued by the WA Departments of Environment and Conservation and Fisheries.

We ask that you please acknowledge the Coral Bay Research Station in any publications. We also ask that a copy of any publications (including reports and theses) be sent to the Research Director for addition to the research station library.

Frazer McGregor is the Station Manager and your contact in Coral Bay; mobile phone contact: 0427 848655. Frazer should be contacted upon arrival and will arrange for entry to the Research Station and provide an induction.

Boating in the Ningaloo Marine Park can be hazardous. If the research facility boats are to be used Frazer should be notified and will advise on safe boating practice. The Department of Environment and Conservation has issued a boating strategy for Coral Bay and these rules must be adhered to. A copy of the boating strategy can be found in the station.

If you have any suggestions that would make use of the facility more comfortable or practical in the future we would be delighted to hear them. Please contact the Research Director:

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## Fees and charges

Current rates for the station are\* :

- Full Researcher: \$90 per day
- Research Assistant: \$50 per day
- Student Researcher: \$50 per day
- Student Research Assistant: \$40 per day

These rates include accommodation and access to laboratory facilities including computer/Internet use and freezer storage space. There are no long-term storage facilities available at the station.

There are two boats available for researchers to use. These are classed as survey-exempt and meet Department of Transport requirements for research use. The minimum qualification required to drive the boats (Department of Transport requirements) is Restricted Coxswain certification. If you do not have this qualification Frazer may be available to drive the boat for you at \$225 per day. Boat fuel must be paid by the user.

- 5.8m surveyed aluminium centre-console work boat with 100hp 4-stroke outboard, \$50 per day + \$30 per engine hour
- 4.1m Polycraft dinghy (with canopy) with a 40hp 2-stroke outboard, \$30 per day + \$20 per engine hour

Student rates are:

- 5.8m surveyed aluminium centre-console work boat with 100hp 4-stroke outboard, \$30 per day + \$20 per engine hour
- 4.1m aluminium dinghy (with canopy and ladder for diver entry) with a 40hp 2-stroke outboard, \$20 per day + \$10 per engine hour

We also have a LandCruiser troop-carrier 4WD based at the station for launching and other transport within Coral Bay. The car is charged at \$10 per day + 70c/km, although this is subject to change given the ever-increasing fuel prices. Fuel for the car must be paid by the user; please leave some fuel in the tank for the next user. If the car is not available to launch boats (i.e. another user has it), a tractor boat launching service is available in town (tractor charges are the user's responsibility).

There is no charge for use of dive weights and tanks. Hire of a dive set (regulator and BC) is charged at the rate of \$10 per day. Tank fills are the user's responsibility; we do not have a compressor on site, however the Coral Bay Dive Shop will provide fills for \$5.00 to research station users. Please make sure tanks have been filled and all dive gear has been thoroughly washed in fresh water before you leave.

The use of microscopes and digital camera (with waterproof housing) is free of charge, but please check with Frazer before use.

Users of the research station can hire Kayaks from Ningaloo Kayak Adventures for a reduced fee subject to availability.

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\* Rates do NOT include GST and are subject to change from time to time; these rates were revised in July 2009.